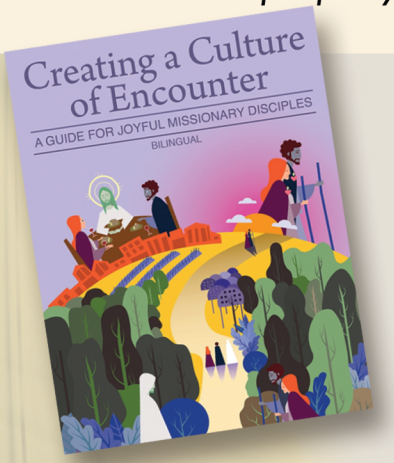
"CREATING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: A GUIDE FOR JOYFUL MISSIONARY DISCIPLES"

Is a process of reflection, evangelization, and outreach. It offers an organized five-session parish encounter process to help small groups dig deeper into the Church's evangelizing mission. This small-group guide will help Catholics live out the call of Jesus to meet those on the peripheries with the Good News of the Gospel.

The five-session guide invites us to See, Judge, Act, Celebrate, and take Missionary Action. In each session, participants take up a new aspect of Jesus' encounter with the disciples on the road to Emmaus and focus on a different element of the evangelical call to spread the Gospel.

THIS PROCESS HAS 4 OBJECTIVES:

- *Promote a vision of the Church in mission that invites, engages and forms lay people to live out their call to missionary discipleship.*
- *Provide a process of faith sharing and missionary activity that prepares Catholics to share and celebrate the good news.*
- *Call all Catholics to become joy filled missionary disciples by giving witness to God's love in their lives.*
- *Invite all Catholics to engage and accompany the most vulnerable and those who find themselves on the periphery of society.*



WORKSHOP 1

FORMING JOYFUL MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

- This 30-minute presentation is geared toward parish leadership. It will provide the information necessary to help leadership decide when and how to initiate the "Creating a Culture of Encounter" process.
- It will discuss and discern ways in which the Parish can better respond to those who live on the peripheries of society, and foster ways in which the faithful can respond, as missionary disciples, to the call of the New Evangelization.
- It will explain the USCCB resource, "Creating a Culture of Encounter. A Guide for Joyful Missionary Disciples," and provide an overview of how best to develop and implement the 5-session process within the parish.

WORKSHOP 2

CREATING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER
TRAINING YOUR PARISH LEADERS

- This 2-Hour workshop will train your parish leaders to become facilitators for this process within your parish.
- The facilitators will be guided through 5-sessions that form the heart of the process. The sessions were inspired by Pope Francis call to foster a culture of encounter. They are:
  - *Called to a loving encounter with Jesus in the Church
  - *With Words and Actions; Do It!
  - *Walking together with Jesus
  - * Bearing fruits of new life
  - * Celebrating the Joy of being missionary disciples.
- After this session, your facilitators will be ready to implement and support the ongoing activities of this process.